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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE AND FONMIN

VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION

REF: HAGUE 563

1. DURING FEB 26 MEETING WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VAN LYNDEN DCM REFERRED TO NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN'S FEB 21 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND NOTED THAT LATTER HAD SAID THAT NO DECISION ON A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE HAD BEEN MADE BUT THAT IF CERTAIN CONDIDTIONS WERE MET WE COULD ENVISAGE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES A SUMMIT MEETING IN EUROPE IN LATE APRIL (STATE 036523). VAN LYNDEN COMMENTED THAT IF A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT DID IN FACT MATERIALIZE IN THAT TIME FRAME IT WOULD OVERLAP WITH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22-28. VAN LYNDEN
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SAID FONOFF HAD BEEN AWARE OF THIS POSSIBLE COMPLICATION BUT HAD

FELT THAT GON COULD NOT PUT OFF SOVIETS ANY LONGER AND THERE-
FORE HAD AGREED TO APRIL 22-28 DATES.

2. IN REPLY TO A QUESTION VAN LYNDEN SAID THAT GON DID NOT
INTEND TO ANNOUNCE DATES OF VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT FOR THE TIME
BEING IN VIEW OF SOLZHENITSYN'S EXPULSION. HOWEVER IN CONNECTION
WITH PLANNING FOR THE NATO ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN PARIL NATO
PERMREP HARTOGH WOULD INFORM HIS NATO COLLEAGUES OF THE TIMING
OF VAN DER STOEL'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. VAN LYNDEN CON-
CLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF WASHINGTON WOULD TAKE
NOTE OF THE VAN DER STOEL DATES, WHICH FOR OBVIOUS REASONS IT
WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO CHANGE.
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